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ITALY AND GERMANY MAD DOGS OF WORLD

*Britain-France-U. S.
Would Sic Them
On Soviets*

*Japan Relied On to
Launch Attack
On Siberia*

GENEVA, Feb. 3.—The League of Nations' special committee to investigate the possibilities of oil sanctions against Italy is openly regarded here as nothing more than a time-killing device to hold the matter in abeyance pending completion of certain understandings now in the making.

Prominent among considerations of the capitalist powers is to devise some plan whereby the weight of the Soviet Union's giant army can be utilized to check the belligerent nations.

THE MAD DOGS

The belligerent nations, for the moment, are Italy, Japan and Germany. All of these nations are armed to the teeth and shaken within their borders by severe economic crises and rising unrest. Their only considered course of meeting these situations is by striking out madly in wars of conquest. Italy and Japan are already embarked on such ventures.

The greatest desire of the capitalist powers today is to turn the belligerence of both Germany and Japan against the Soviet Union. Thus these two powers would be effectively removed from the scene of imperialist competition and, at the same time, would be wreaking damage against the Soviets.

NEW PACT SOUGHT

Previously, the armed strength of Italy has been balanced as a threat to restrain Germany from expanding in Austria. Present sharp antagonism between Britain, France and Italy disrupts this alignment.

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**Western Worker
Scribe Attacked
By Vigilantes**

REPORTER HAULED INTO
CAR AND BRUTALLY
BEATEN

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—Don Russell, WESTERN WORKER reporter, was picked up by three thugs Monday night, taken for a ride, beaten up and tossed half-unconscious into the street fronting the apartment house in which he lives.

A doctor's examination including several x-rays, showed two cracked ribs and a torn shoulder ligament.

Although unable positively to identify the assailants, Russell believes they were part of the hoodlum outfit now operating for the Yellow Taxi Cab Company. Several nights previous to the attack, several of these men had visited the Western Worker office at 121 Haight street, attempted to slug the guard and gain entrance, conducted a short search of the building.

An article appearing in the "Party Life" column of the Western Worker describing the rank and file work within the Taxi Cab Union, it appears, had drawn the fire of the reactionaries and company agents within the union.



FOUR MAD DOGS

Maniacs in soldier suits. The old man with the feather in his hat is Field Marshal von Mackensen. Hitler is in the center. At his left is General von Blomberg. In the rear, General von Fritsch.

**Martinez Labor Forum Meets
Despite Efforts of Fascists**

MARTINEZ, Calif.—The first of a series of huge mass meetings under the auspices of the Martinez Labor Forum was held Saturday night at the Labor Temple, after their permit to meet at the local High School was cancelled by the school board on the advice of local fascists.

Over 500 people attended, in spite of a heavy rain.

LARGE PROGRAM

Among the speakers are Dr. Ray Studd of Oakland, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, who gave an analysis of the Constitution as an instrument for the protection of the propertied classes.

He pointed out that the "Bill of Rights" was the only part of it which belongs to the people.

A young worker from the American Youth Congress outlined its program and pointed out how German fascists used the youth to smash trade unions.

Bert Lee, West Coast organizer of the American League Against War and Fascism reported on the Cleveland Congress and their united program of peace.

GALLAGHER SPEAKS

Main speaker of the evening was Leo Gallagher, LL.D. attorney, who outlined the development of Fascism in the United States.

He described the reign of terror in Imperial Valley, and gave an account of how the Government of the United States was overthrown by Fascist force and violence in the Kentucky town where Mine Secretary of Labor Perkins was forbidden to speak in a public hall, was forced to speak from the steps of the local post office.

Salaries under the new procedure will not exceed the average budget plus 15 per cent, said Schottland. Workers must be certified as eligible for relief to be eligible for the new jobs, and types of workers to be included are janitors, messengers, elevator operators, and watchmen.

Thus wages are being slashed for the same work formerly performed by 5000 administrative

REDUCTION OF RELIEFWORKERS AND A WAGECUT

350 ADMINISTRATORS
FIRED; 9700 OFF
LACRA, ON WPA

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1.—Wage-slashing definitely entered the "curtailment of expenditures" program of the State Relief Administration here today, when Charles L. Schottland, state director, announced that relief workers will take over numerous administrative jobs.

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These educational meetings are scheduled for once every month.

UNIONS URGE FREEDOM FOR C. S. VICTIMS

RESOLUTION IS PASSED BY
HUGE VOTE IN S. F.
LABOR COUNCIL

Prisoner to Speak

MASS MEETING SCHEDULED
FOR FEBRUARY 5 IN
SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—The San Francisco Labor Council has passed a resolution calling upon the State Parole Board to set minimum sentences for the eight Criminal Syndicalism prisoners. This action was taken by an almost unanimous vote at the meeting last Friday.

The California Conference for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act is calling upon all individuals and organizations to write immediately to the parole board urging the minimum sentence which would release the prisoners by February 27th.

PAROLE BOARD

Names of the three board members who must be addressed are: Fred C. Sykes, Kohl Building, San Francisco; Joseph H. Stephens, president of the Merchants' National Bank of Sacramento; and David F. Bush, Oakdale, Calif.

A huge mass meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 5th, in the Building Trades Temple, 14th and Guerrero streets, to further the fight for freedom of the prisoners and repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act.

Assemblyman Paul A. Richie, Epic-Democratic leader, Professor Max Radin of the University of California, and many other prominent liberal and labor leaders will speak at the meeting.

Lorenne Norman, one of the eight prisoners, but who is now out on bail owing to the birth of a child, will be the featured speaker of the evening.

An exhibition of pictures and objects concerning the C. S. trial and the agricultural fields will be shown in the building.

A state-wide conference is called for April 5th in Sacramento, with delegates from all liberal, working-class or political groups and from trade unions.

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C. S. PRISONER



Albert Hougardy, one of the eight working class leaders railroaded to the penitentiary in the infamous C. S. trial.

S.F. EXAMINER HIDES TRUTH ABOUT BRIBE

WOMAN FILING AFFIDAVIT
WAS COMMUNIST
DEFENDANT

Corrupt Bargain

CASE WAS DISMISSED IN
RETURN FOR GRAFT
INFORMATION

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—Blatant dishonesty and graft of the San Francisco Police Department, the San Francisco Examiner (Hearst owned), and the district attorney's office were revealed here today with exposure of the fact that a corrupt and illegal deal was entered into by all three in order to obtain the affidavit on which the present disgusting and insincere "police bribe investigation" is based.

Florence Meyers, the person making the affidavit, was arrested over a month ago on the same frame-up charges under which Louise Todd was railroaded to the penitentiary and Anita Whitney was convicted and fined \$600. Mrs. Meyers was a Communist Party sympathizer who aided in collecting signatures to put the Party on the ballot. She was among those indicted for alleged violation of a minor technicality of the election laws.

INSIDE DOPE

Formerly the proprietress of a small cafe at 2245 Turk-street, Mrs. Meyers was known to possess information that certain police officers had accepted bribery and had been accomplices to crime.

Arrested for the same political activity as Todd and Whitney, the district attorney's office made a deal with her, agreeing to have her case dismissed if she would file an affidavit against Sergeant John Crofton, Pitrolman Alfred Walsh, William Brudigan and Claude Avedano.

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Convicts Trapped in Living Hell By Carelessness

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Workers Must Re-Register If They Want to Vote This Year

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—Democrats still led in registration of voters here today, with 210,918 registered to 125,872 Republicans, according to Registrar of Voters Kerr.

In Los Angeles County, Democrats registered 154,697 to 115,826 listed Republicans.

Long Beach, home of Republican Governor Merriam, has registered 33,475 Democrats and 22,941 Republicans thus far. The Republican Party is leading only in Pasadena, "home of the millionaires," with 30,066 registered G. O. P. and 15,713 Democratic registrations.

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ATTENTION All Party Members In California!

All Communist Party sections in District 13 must immediately make preparations for mass distribution of the special anti-vigilante "Baby" Western Worker which will be published on Friday to answer the attacks on the labor unions and the Communist Party made by the scurrilous fascist sheet, the spurious American Citizen.

(See Editorial, Page 6.)

This means everyone. All old registrations have been cancelled and no one can vote in any election in California this year who has not registered since January 1, 1936. No matter who you are or how long you have been registered, your name must go on the books again if you wish to vote.

Registration now will be good for any election this year.

UNITED MINE WORKERS FACE MANY IMPORTANT DECISIONS AT 34TH NAT'L CONVENTION

Local Autonomy, Industrial Unionism and Labor Party to Be Highlights

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 30.—While William Green with the aid of the reactionary officials of the International Seamen's Union under the approving eye of the Industrial Association seeks to destroy the democratically controlled and industrially organized Pacific Coast Federation, delegates to the 34th Convention of the United Mine Workers of America opened a determined fight to gain the right of local district autonomy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3.—The officers and delegates of the 34th Biennial Convention of the United Mine Workers took a definite stand against the Executive Council of the American for Industrial unionism, when the Federation of Labor in the fight Convention instructed John L. Lewis to spread the cause of unionizing the mass production workers in a series of nation-wide radio speeches.

The convention also instructed the Executive Council to prepare to campaign for a "social justice" amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

Upon hearing the report of the committee on officers, that "We believe there is no definite assurance that the districts can govern themselves," scores of the delegates with definite instructions from their locals took the floor to demand the immediate restoration of the right to elect their own district officials.

DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS

"We are qualified to elect city, county, state and national officials of our government, we are also qualified to elect our national union officers, but when it comes to selecting our own district representatives we are said to be not qualified," declared Will Houser of Local 1116, Paris, Arkansas, as rounds of applause greeted his speech. "The return of local democracy would be the greatest deed done in the history of the International."

"We stand for the election of our Federal judges by the people yet we are not allowed to elect our own district officials," stated W. J. Harris of West Virginia.

FAVOR FRAZIER BILL

Strong sentiment was expressed in favor of the Frazier-Landau bill for adequate compensation for the aged and unemployed.

Speaking on behalf of the largest local union in the United States, John E. Sloan of Local 5509, demanded the endorsement of the Bill as the only specific legislation which would give real social security. He said: "Out in our community we have seen no real benefits from the Roosevelt Social Security program. It is admitted to be totally inadequate to the needs of the aged and unemployed. It does not put the burden on those able to pay through graduated income tax."

LABOR PARTY ISSUE

Frequent place in the Convention spotlight will be the Labor Party issue. One of the most striking expressions for such a party came from Vandeleur, Indiana. His neighboring city Terre Haute, was cited as a glaring example of the need for drastic political change. Here, it is charged, a Republican Mayor and Democratic governor were responsible for the notorious martial law imposed upon the city.

From Local 2519, Blaine, Ohio, came a resolution averting that "No section of the labor movement knows better the need for such a party than the coal miners who were shot, jailed, clubbed, ridden over by horses and had vicious injunctions served on them by both Republican and Democratic parties."

Other resolutions stressed the "growing danger of fascism" and point to the fact that "Several states have gone on record as favoring a labor party."

INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM

Industrial unionism was specifically approved in numerous resolutions which okayed the participation of John L. Lewis in the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Political and class war prisoners are not forgotten. A renewed fight for the freedom of Tom Mooney, J. W. McNamara, the Scottsboro boys and Angelo Herndon is pushed forward in the proposals of not a few locals.

The Townsend Plan also has the support of some resolutions. The inclusion of occupational diseases in workmen's compensation laws is warmly championed.

BRIDGES SPEAKS

Danger of One-Man Street Car Operation Shown

RAILWAY UNION OPPOSES STREET CAR COMPANIES IN OPEN HEARING

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 31.—Dangers of one-man operation of street cars was vividly presented in full detail here today, when 300 feet of motion picture film was shown by W. B. Nutter, employee of the Pacific Electric Company, and representing the Brotherhood of R. R. Trainmen, before the open hearing by the Municipal Board of Public Utilities and Transportation.

The B. R. T. is strenuously opposing the one-man cars, while attorneys for the street car companies announced that they would submit evidence proving that one-man cars are "the coming thing all over the country."

The film showed the operator of a one-man car with his hands removed completely from the controls while attempting to accommodate passengers, the car under full power; a car under-way with the door still open; operators looking down at coin boxes, over their shoulders, making change and punching transfers—all while their one-man cars were moving through the congested traffic of downtown Los Angeles.

Workers here are remembering by J. B. Weaver, Director of Bureau of Navigation at Washington, D. C. and already he has heard from witnesses, testimony corroborating the claims of Pacific Coast maritime workers, that the loss of the new was a needless sacrifice to the altar of profits.

Captain William Hall, veteran Bar Pilot, who piloted the Japanese motorship, Koyet Maru over Columbia River Bar at 7:30 on the night of the wreck, testified that he would not have taken the Iowa out an hour later, such was the increasing velocity of the wind. Other Bar Pilots also agreed that they would not have taken any ship across the bar that night.

An investigation is also being conducted by the insurance underwriters and their findings to date are being kept secret pending a complete inquiry.

The Iowa was known along the Pacific Coast as a deathtrap "held together by rust and her deckslashes." All maritime union halls have been draped for thirty days in memory of the 34 men who perished to further the shipowner's profits.

COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS, WRITE IN ABOUT UNIT ACTIVITY.

Circulate the Western Worker in your union and fraternal organizations.

Green-Plant - Olander Council Machine Is Stuck

(Continued from Page 1) on the two telegrams, and the sailors' delegates remained unchallenged throughout the session, taking the floor in defense of their position.

ASK INVESTIGATION

The action in support of a congressional investigation of the shipowners' conspiracy against the maritime unions was taken when the delegates voted by an overwhelming majority for a resolution introduced by Harry Bridges, progressive leader of I.L.S. 3879.

A move to kill the resolution by Vandeleur, president of the council, who attempted to refer the resolution to the Executive Board, was promptly spiked by Bridges.

VANDELEUR WEASELS

Vandeleur in his move to throttle the resolution claimed that his objection was based on the section denouncing the vigilante tabloid sheet, The American Citizen, as an organ of the shipowners and demanding an investigation of the paper. When pinned down by Bridges Vandeleur stated, "the resolution endorses a whereas the chair knows nothing about . . . the part I object to is the part referring to some paper."

Bridges pointed out yesterday in San Francisco but Vandeleur had seen the paper, 100,000 copies of which flooded the city last Wednesday, and that the paper was a definite part of the shipowners' general plan of attack. He offered, however, to withdraw the section dealing with the paper.

The Council therupon adopted the resolution unanimously except for the small bloc dominated by the Vandeleur-Casey machine.

BRIDGES SPEAKS

MASS FUNERAL WILL BE HELD FOR GIRL KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Victim Was Daughter of Sam Jones, Negro Organizer for Los Angeles P.W.U.U.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1.—Unemployed workers throughout Los Angeles County today mourned with Sam Jones, militant Negro leader and organizer for the Public Works and Unemployed Union, for the death of his 17-year-old daughter, Esme, who was burned to death in the Jones' home here last Thursday morning.

Leslie, 16-year-old son of Sam Jones, was attempting to start a fire in the fireplace to do some cooking, using coal and kerosene, when suddenly an explosion occurred.

Esme was sitting in front of the fireplace, and when her clothes blazed up, she became panic-stricken and ran. She was so badly burned that she died at 4 p. m. Thursday in the General Hospital.

RELIEF HEADS BLAMED

Leslie was severely burned but will live, and Sam's wife, Arlene Jones, was also burned in the tragic fire. A large part of the furniture was destroyed, and all the rest was damaged by water.

Responsibility for the death of Esme lies directly on the relief administration heads, who had refused to obtain gas and electricity utilities for the family, forcing the Jones' to cook in the fireplace. The public utility companies had turned off the gas and electricity for non-payment of bills.

A mass funeral, in which unemployed workers will participate, will be held Monday at 2 p. m. with services at Evergreen Cemetery Chapel, at Brooklyn ave. and Evergreen street.

PWUU COMMITTEE ACTS

Yesterday a grievance committee of the PWUU went to the DPO at 1235 East 9th street, to demand a partly-furnished house for Jones and a suit for him to go to the funeral, but got the old familiar "run-around" from Mrs. Cundiff, director of the DPO.

Today the committee was in session with Pomeroy and Pilling, county relief bureaucrats from 10:30 a. m. until 1:40 p. m., before it was able to hammer out an agreement to take care of Jones and his family. By this agreement, a committee is to check up on the needs of the family, to be closely related to the activities of the waterfront employers and to the Valley industrialists who have been employing vigilante terror to thwart the growing move for increased wages and conditions among the agricultural workers.

PEACE DEMANDS VOICED BY THE YOUTH CONGRESS

DRIVE TO STOP REGIMENTATION FOR WAR

In Oakland the American Youth Congress is staging a giant youth mobilization on Friday, Feb. 7th, 1936, at the Jenny Lind Hall, 229 Telegraph ave., Oakland.

The most interesting feature of this program, which is given free to the public, will be a picture presented by five speakers representing Unemployed Youth, Negro Worker, CCC Recruit, Negro Student and Young Teacher, who will tell the story of their struggles toward peace, freedom and progress.

A skit will follow, presenting the way out.

Mr. A. D. Faupell, well-known Oakland sociologist, will be the main speaker of the evening.

ADMISSION

Admission of guilt as to the death of Esme Jones was made today by the LACRA, as follows:

"Had there been utilities, the accident would not have occurred in this manner," said Pilling.

"The fault of the system, rather than the individuals in it, caused the accident."

The committee refused a suggestion of Slane, another relief "administrator," to take up a collection among the case visitors in the LACRA headquarters at 741

South Flower street. Slane had proposed \$1 each, but the committee held that the visitors were too lowly paid as it is and were not responsible for the accident.

PWUU WINS CONCESSION

Mrs. Cundiff on Friday had offered only a used suit of clothes to Jones, valued at \$3, and the choice of two completely unsanitary shacks for a home for his family. One of these had been a bootleggers' hang-out, with three rooms separated by cloth partitions, and one bath-tub for use of three families, located on an outside porch. No gas facilities were available in this socalled house.

As a result of this militant PWUU grievance committee, the needs of Jones and his family will thus be taken care of.

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THE FAIR DEAL

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THE PLOT THICKENS

NEW YORK—Shipowners here for a national meeting to discuss "current labor problems" are in actuality attempting to coerce the Grace Lines and the Luckenbach operators to join with them in their planned lock-out of the West Coast maritime workers.

THE PLOT THICKENS

Refused by the expose which was made by the San Francisco District Council of the Maritime Federation, the operators dare not put their union-busting plan into effect, with two of the largest and most powerful companies intent upon living up to their agreements.

The two most notorious wage-cutting exploiters with the dubious "fame" of being the rottenest condition ships running, prior to the 34 strike, the Grace and Luckenbach have found it more profitable to operate their vessels under union conditions.

"Economic pressure" is being threatened against these two outfits by the chambers of commerce and the industrialists who are suggesting these two recalcitrants feel the heat of a boycott by the shippers to whip them in line.

The Panama Pacific Line is also being urged to join the gang in the fascist campaign.

The collusion between this meeting and the I.S.U. misleaders is obvious with the report that a committee from the shipowners gathering will "confer" with William Green on the "maritime problem."

STRIKE DEMANDS GROW

With the charter revocation act as a further incentive the District Committee and the shipowners realize that the demand for a strike will be voiced in the majority of the ballots cast by the East Coast seamen.

UNABLE TO HANDLE THE OUTCOME

Unable to handle the outcome of the legal proceedings

POLICE PROBE HIDES SOURCE OF AFFIDAVIT

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time is concerned with some factional quarrel within the police department and that the district attorney's office has reasons at this time why it would like the removal of the officers named. It is equally apparent that it was willing to ignore the information in the past.

At the time Mrs. Meyers' political charge was dismissed, newspapers stated in small items that she had furnished information useful to the police in convicting Todd and Whitney. Mrs. Meyers denied this at the time and forced the papers to publish retractions. She still emphatically denies having given any such information.

THE EXAMINER

The San Francisco Examiner has had exclusive rights to the story of the police bribery exposure and has been playing it up in headlines. IT HAS CAREFULLY CONCEALED, HOWEVER, THE FACT THAT FLORENCE MEYERS A LITTLE OVER A MONTH AGO WAS ARRESTED ON THE PETITION CHARGE AND THAT SHE WAS GRANTED HER FREEDOM ON THE CONDITION THAT SHE WOULD AID THIS "INVESTIGATION."

Meanwhile, Louise Todd sits in the Women's State Prison at Tehachapi, Calif., facing a sentence of one to fourteen years for an act, trivial in nature and committed without intent to defraud. At the same time, the district attorney's office, with ease and automatic authority, dismisses an identical case in order to obtain information that will further its fiscal interests.

Florence Meyers' charge should have been dismissed. But it should have been dismissed for its sheer triviality and innocence, not by a corrupt deal.

JUSTICE

The Police Department should be investigated. But not for the private gains of grafting factions. It should be investigated by the people of San Francisco for the people of San Francisco.

Every decent element of the population throughout the state must immediately write or wire to Mayor Angelo J. Rossi, to District Attorney Matthew Brady of San Francisco and to the Superior Court of San Francisco demanding that the sentence of Louise Todd be commuted to time served and that she be released at once. Cite the Meyers case in your message. Give the reasons for your demand, including the sheer political discrimination embodied in the petition charge.

LAW TO PROTECT PROFIT

Referring to the Fascist bills introduced in state legislatures and in Congress, Dr. Ward stated: "The people who are trying to overthrow the Government by force and violence, are those who are trying to put through these bills. They are trying to pass these laws against labor organizations, against anything which would interfere with their profits or effect any change in the system under which they have made their tremendous profits."

"The Declaration of Independence, like the Declaration of Rights in France, is a great revolutionary document by people who believed in liberty. We are going to fight for it if we have to die for it!"

"Who are these people who are seeking to prevent the people from exercising their right to take these rights and curtail them? They are in the National Conference of Industry, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers, and the Liberty League.

"They are trying to destroy democracy under the slogan of preserving it, trying to save their money by inciting your hysteria against the 'Reds.' Something more is at stake besides constitutional rights—the preserving of the future for our children and for humanity. This is the last battle in a long-drawn-out campaign, a battle between the monopolists and the masses of people. What happens in the rest of the world depends on how the American people act."

"We must use and extend our democratic rights."

"All lovers of democracy—as far to the left as you go and as far to the right as you will come—join in an United Front to halt reaction!"

The large audience reacted enthusiastically to Dr. Ward's speech and a large collection was taken up.

Delegates to the Third Annual Congress of the American League Against War and Fascism, recently held in Cleveland, Ohio, reported briefly on the congress. The delegates included Mrs. Elmhrough, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Darning, Dr. Fabian Garcia and Bibb Tolson.

OUTLINES LEAGUE PROGRAM

Previous to the large mass meeting in the evening a reception was held for Dr. F. Ward. This meeting was attended by Methodist, Presbyterian and Unitarian ministers, prominent rabbis, officers of the International League for Peace and Freedom, judges, teachers, educators, and other representative persons who had been invited to discuss with Dr. Ward the purpose of the American League Against War and Fascism.

Dr. Ward outlined the League program and then spoke specifically of the problems in Los Angeles, giving special attention to the police terror which intimidates educators, judges and all groups who work against the abrogation of civil and democratic rights. Later the floor was thrown open for questions.

RAPE OF ETHIOPIA WAR! INVASION OF CHINA

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Thursday, February 6, 1936.

A Bigger Western Worker To Attack Reactionaries

She Knows From Own Experience

**ANITA WHITNEY
TELLS VALUE OF PRESS**

By Anita Whitney

Those of us who worked before the Western Worker was born can best realize what THE WESTERN WORKER means in our every day life as members of the Party and in the many allied activities with which we, as Communists, are connected. It has quadrupled at least the effectiveness of our work.

Without the Western Worker how could we have followed the fight, summer after summer, to organize the miserably paid agricultural workers of the state which led to the arrests and convictions under the vicious Criminal Syndicalist Law of our eight stalwart young organizers, and how could we know of the efforts being made to free them on bail pending their appeal.

AGITATOR AND ORGANIZER

Legin said "a newspaper is not only the collective propagandist and agitator, but also the collective organizer" and but for the columns of the Western Worker how could we spread the news of the coming Conference for the Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalist Law so that every militant worker learn the vital importance of rallying our forces to build this conference into a mighty power to free our comrades and repeal the law.

The Western Worker keeps us in touch with developments along the waterfront and tells us the true story of the perfidy of the ship owners. It links us up with the rest of the state with its news of the militant struggle of the P.W.A. workers in Los Angeles and the fight going on in the San Diego Labor Council. It keeps us in touch with the struggles of the share croppers of the South, with Angelo Heindon with the trial of the unfortunate Scottsboro boys. It keeps us abreast of the marvelous de-

VETERAN!



FIGHT Against LIES

By John Leech,
Los Angeles Section Organizer.

The Hearsts, Chandlers and Manchester Boddy's are fulfilling their role as the mouthpieces of big business by creating a campaign of turmoil and confusion in the minds of the workers and middle class people. Their role as industrialists and agents can be traced through their entire campaign of lies against workers organizations.

LABOR TRAITORS

Bazzell, Sherman and Company are busy creating further confusion in the minds of the workers who are ready to struggle against sweat-shop conditions for the right to organize for a decent standard of life.

POLITICAL SHYSTERS

Both the Merriam machine of reaction and the political shysters in the Democratic Party are trying to discourage and confuse any attempt on the part of the workers to build a Farmer-Labor Party in California.

TO COUNTERACT

In all this campaign of attack and confusion is directed against every section of our population that expresses any desire to better their condition.

Our Party, our sympathizers in the mass organizations, the workers the trade unions and in the factories must learn to use and to build our Western Worker as the most effective means of combatting this capitalist inspired confusion. Our Party Members and friends must learn that a steady flow of news of workers' struggles and victories will be an effective club against these lies.

BEST METHODS

Our Section and Sub-Section organizers must learn that through the use of Red Builders selling the Western Worker at every factory gate and trade union hall we can best fight these attacks against the organizations of the working class.

We must put into effect much better, the knowledge that we have, that we can best fight confusion and fascist reaction by supporting financially and building the circulation of our Western Worker which wipes out confusion by telling the truth.

HOW WPA WORKERS CAN USE THE WORKING CLASS PRESS

A Means of Building Organizations of The Unemployed

By Wm. Schneideman



Keen COMPETITION

Sonoma, San Bernardino and Merced sections have set the pace in their respective group competitions for the mimeograph outfit to be awarded for outstanding work in the Western Worker Drive to raise \$7500 for an improved and enlarged working class paper.

From latest reports we hear that San Mateo and Santa Barbara Sections will give Sonoma Section plenty of worry and Sacramento tells San Bernardino to kiss the mimeo goodby because they are going to at least double their quota and carry the bacon home.

IN THE RACE

Other sections which have taken on life the last week and intend to become factors in the competition are Fresno with 50 per cent of quota raised, Contra Costa with 31 per cent and Nevada with 22 per cent.

Monterey, Stockton, Arizona, Eureka, San Jose, Bakersfield, Tulare, and Porterville, it is not

Youth AND THE PRESS

More and more young people are asking for a clear answer to the ever increasing problems that confront them. The problems of security, happiness, freedom and peace are uppermost in their minds.

It is becoming clear that capitalism can answer these questions only by terror, lies, and deceptions. To whom can the youth look for the answers to their questions? Whom will they follow? The answer to this problem depends very much upon yourselves! If we, the Communists, are to win the youth to add to the growing force for peace and progress, then we must build medium youth organization to build the Western Worker as a source of leadership in the struggles to come.

Ben Dobbs,
S. F. Section Organizer, YCL

The street-car company is making hundreds of dollars off the meager wages of the project workers because most of these men are compelled to ride street cars. The company guarantees a seat for everyone, but the men are packed in like sardines. In other cities the men are transported by trucks and machines, free of charge, to the projects. It seems as if so far as packed street cars are concerned by getting a committee of men off the projects to protest to the street car companies. There are many problems that should be reflected in the Wes-

On the Front Line of Struggle



AN ISSUE OF FIRST IMPORTANCE

The Western Worker Is a Major Weapon of Labor

SPEED THE DRIVE FOR AN EIGHT-PAGE WESTERN WORKER

An Open Letter to Its Readers

By Wm. Schneideman,
District Organizer, Communist
Party of the U. S. A.,
District 13.

The first month of the year 1936 shows how rapidly the class struggle is sharpening, and how much the working class needs the Western Worker. And yet during the month of January, the Western Worker War Chest Drive has just reached the halfway mark, and is seriously lagging. Every Party member, every reader and friend of the Western Worker, should be aroused to action, to see that the drive for funds is a task of first-class political importance.

WAR CHESTS

The shipowners have a war chest. They have gathered a huge fund, out of the profits they have wrung from the working class, in order to launch an attack on the maritime unions, in order to finance fascist vigilante gangs to use terror against the whole labor movement.

The American Liberty League has a war chest. The Morgans, duPonts, and Hearsts are backing its reactionary drive on the liberties of the American people with all the huge resources of Wall Street. Their campaign in-

creases the danger of fascism and war.

THE UNITED FRONT

The burning need of the hour is to meet this danger with a united people's front. Not by faith in Roosevelt, who cannot and will not stop the advance of the forces of reaction, because instead of fighting them he surrenders to their demands and policies. What is needed is a united front that will really fight fascism and defend the economic interests and civil rights of the people, through the building of a Farmer-Labor Party on a local, state, and national scale.

On this common ground, all trade unionists, Socialists, Epics, Townsendites and other organizations, A workers' paper has no big staff of reporters as the capitalist press has; YOU are its reporters. Your paper has no distributing agency except yourselves; you must help build a mass circulation of the paper among the workers, the farmers and all opponents of fascist reaction and war.

VETERAN OF STRUGGLE

The Western Worker has fought in the front lines of the workers' battles on the West Coast, against the betrayals of the Greens and the Scharenbergs, who have helped the employers in their war on militant labor. Now more than ever, when the maritime unions and all other militant unions are under fire, facing the combined attack of the employers and the Olanders, the Western Worker is needed to mobilize the workers to defend their organizations and their working conditions from being destroyed. Stand by the Western Worker!

DAILY PAPER NEEDED

That fight would be strengthened one-hundredfold on the West Coast if we had our most powerful weapon, the Western Worker, coming out daily. That goal can be reached within a year if we double and triple its circulation. In the meantime, our immediate objective must be to enlarge the paper to eight pages, and improve its contents and appearance to become a more effective and popular or-

Drive Standing

WESTERN WORKER DRIVE STANDING, FEBRUARY 1ST:

Section	Group	Quota	Raised	Per Cent
Los Angeles	A	\$3500	\$1,990.47	57
San Francisco	"	2500	950.20	38
East Bay	B	350	137.75	39
San Diego	C	200	182.93	91
Sonoma	D	75	90.00	120
Santa Barbara	"	75	58.26	79
San Mateo	"	100	69.80	70
Monterey	"	75	3.00	6
San Bernardino	E	50	56.11	112
Sacramento	"	50	34.70	69
Fresno	"	50	25.04	50
Contra Costa	"	50	15.65	31
Eureka	"	25	26.50	106
Merced	F	25	5.50	22
Nevada	"	25	1.00	4
Stockton	"	25	1.00	4
Arizona	"	25	.....	0
San Jose	"	25	.....	0
Bakersfield	"	25	.....	0
Porterville	"	25	.....	0
Tulare	"	25	.....	0
At Large Dist. No. 13		175	48.62	28
TOTALS		\$7500	\$3,696.53	49

Some Comrades Seem to Forget

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STILL TIME TO GET BUSY
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Someone Goes to Soviet Union

Although some comrades from San Francisco and Los Angeles have forgotten that there is a competition going on for a trip to the Soviet Union, we want to remind all workers of Los Angeles and San Francisco that the best shock brigadier WILL BE SENT TO THE SOVIET UNION. The worker will be selected from the section that oversubscribes their quota the most.

Los Angeles is thus far leading San Francisco by 19 points. Los Angeles has raised to date \$1,990.47 of their quota of \$3,500 while San Francisco has raised only \$950.20 of their quota of \$2,500. Both sections will have to raise at least \$250 per week till the end of the drive, March 14th, to keep in the running.

The success of the Western Worker Drive depends mainly upon the Los Angeles and San Francisco raising the full quota. There is still plenty of time to go over the top and thereby guarantee the publication of the Western Worker as well as improving and enlarging it to an eight-page paper.

Los Angeles and San Francisco workers, remember that your Western Worker Drive Committee is watching you. You may be the one to go to the Soviet Union for May 1st and see the victorious working class of its Socialist Fatherland on parade. RAISING \$7500 MEANS AN EIGHT-PAGE WESTERN WORKER!

EAST BAY STRIKERS REALIZE VALUE OF A LABOR NEWSPAPER

Western Worker Report of Casey in San Diego a Timely Warning for Alameda County Labor Council Progressives

In the last few weeks, the direct results of correct use of the Western Worker here in Oakland are obvious. That splendid front page editorial on the condition of the Epic movement, which showed the mistake of capitulation to the McAdoo machine, and showed the way out to the Epics, will help in strengthening the sentiment for a Farmer-Labor Party.

Many comrades on WPA utilized the Western Worker to show their fellow wheelbarrow pushers what was going on in Los Angeles. This was the first news the workers had of the successful strike and demonstration in Los Angeles and had a direct effect on the growth of the Public Works and Unemployed Union here. The capitalist sheets did not have a word about this strike.

Another Western Worker scoop was the news of Joe Casey's high handed action in San Diego. The rank and file of the Alameda Central Labor Council immediately got busy to make sure that Casey is prevented from carrying on the same splitting tactics here. Only the Western Worker had a true story of what took place.

Comrades who have been taking the Western Worker to the workers on strike against the Moore Shipyards, know how popular the Western Worker is. Despite the fact that the papers were not the current issue, and were to be given away, some workers wanted to pay for them.

MORE CIRCULATION

At no time was it as important to sell the Western Worker as right now. The danger to the Maritime Unions precipitated by the revocation of the charter of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific cannot be exaggerated. If we are to force the reinstatement of the militant sailors; if we are to prevent the breaking up of the powerful Maritime Federation; if we are to gain the solidarity of the shore-side unions with the maritime unions; if we are to insure victory for the workers in the coming struggles; we must get at least ten times our present circulation of the Western Worker.

There is a wonderful way to popularize the Western Worker. The best way to reach new people. Write an article to the Western Worker containing news about your shop, factory, trade union, etc. Then contact everybody concerned, or if this is not possible get somebody else to do it. Experience shows that over half of the workers approached will buy the Western Worker. Most of the workers will buy the paper because they want to read the article that directly concerns them, but they will also read the articles about the Farmer-Labor Party, the struggle against war,

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The Western Worker helped organize the maritime workers. It helped prepare the struggle of 1934. It was a powerful weapon for the maritime workers in their strike. It was an important factor in building sentiment for the general strike.

It must continue with renewed energy its role of organizer of the masses. However, Western Worker circulation will not grow by itself. Let's go out this week and see how many Western Workers we can sell.

E. G.
East Bay Section.

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A BOOK ABOUT WELL-TO-DO WOMEN

We recommend for light reading, Olga Knopf's "Women On Their Own."

Olga Knopf is a psychiatrist, and has made a study of middle class women who have adjusted themselves, with more or less success, to the "home-or-career" problem.

She lays considerable stress on the individual self-help method of curing mental readjustments, but does not neglect environmental factors.

Here are a few passages:

"At present women are certainly in a stage of transition, even more unsettled than their situation would naturally demand. They wish to take advantage of the new status but they are not yet free from the old standards of judgment. The ideas of a past order of society die hard..." p. 259.

"The growing facility of divorce, the growing economic independence of women, has dethroned marriage from its position as the absolute, single, and crucial value of a woman's life," Pg. 260.

"The only country in which women are freer than in America is Russia, where the social order puts men and women on precisely the same basis and gives them equal rights not only on paper but also in practice. Educational opportunities are the same for both sexes and the choice of work depends only on fitness and preference....No special prestige is attached to any line of activity and women take no pride in appearing as masculine as possible....The woman who wishes equal rights and equal responsibilities for her sex cannot help but be cheered, whatever her policies, by this particular aspect of Soviet Russia," Pg. 283-4.

She deplores the present status of women in Nazi Germany and says, "Almost all the rights to self-determination which women had won in Germany were taken from them. Every guarantee that they could see to their own fate was destroyed....And did the new order protect woman after her marriage?...Does the government undertake to guarantee that the children will always be provided for and the mother will never be in a position to feel, 'If I had kept my job, I should be far better off?'...If the government had planned for the future of married women who gave up their jobs, it might be thought that they intended, however mistaken their methods were, to improve the lot of women on the whole. As it is, we have no choice but to regard their actions as a savage and heartless attack on women...." pg. 284-5.

BREADWINNING BURDEN INCREASING

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—Women are carrying more and more of the burden of supporting the family, Miss Mary Anderson, director of the Women's Bureau pointed out in her annual report to Secretary of Labor Perkins.

Data on the increase in the number of women sharing in family support is lacking, Miss Anderson said, emphasizing the need to collect such information.

According to the 1930 census, more than 3 million of the 10,750,000 employed women in this country were earners in families of two or more persons. One million were the heads of such families while 500,000 were the sole breadwinners.

FISHER'S MILL STRIKE ENDS AS VICTORY IS WON

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 29.—The long and bitter Fisher's Mill strike ended successfully with the re-instatement of the eleven men fired for union activity, union recognition and seniority rights to be conceded immediately.

Other points which the workers under the Flour and Cereal Workers' and Warehousesmen's Unions struck for will be arbitrated.

Wages, hours and working conditions are the points to be arbitrated for thirty days.

Organized during the 1934 Maritime strike the workers at the Fisher's Mill, the largest in the Northwest, waged a strenuous battle to gain their right to union recognition.

The local maritime unions had rendered their full support to the strikers.

THREE MAIN PROPOSALS FOR SOCIAL INSURANCE LEGISLATION COMPARED

Frazier Bill Proposes to Raise Funds From High Income Taxes

The three main proposals for social insurance legislation now before the public are: The Old-Age Revolving Pensions Plan (the Townsend Plan); the Federal Social Security Act (favored by the President); and the Workers' Social Insurance Bill (the Frazier Bill, H. R. 3475).

The Townsend Plan offers \$200 a month to all over 60 years old (except the wealthy and those who prefer to work) on condition it be spent within the month. Estimated number of beneficiaries: 8 million. Cost 20 billion dollars a year, or 40 per cent of the total national income. The average person would be deprived of 40 per cent of his income; he would pay not merely 2 per cent on the transactions he makes, but infinitely more. For when he purchases a pound of butter he pays 2 per cent on each exchange through which it has gone in order to arrive at his table, plus tax on all contingent commodities related to this service, i.e. payrolls, machinery, equipment, on each of which a tax has in like manner been pyramidized. Estimates variously made place the resulting cost of living at 50 per cent to 65 per cent higher than at present.

The Federal Social Security Act fails to provide any health insurance, excludes all persons now unemployed, all farmers and self-employed persons, all charity, religious and government workers, professionals, transport workers and domestic help, and places the burden of its expense on labor by taxing the payroll. It provides for only a portion of lost wages for only a few weeks in the year, and will not apply in most states in the Union.

The Frazier Bill, just introduced to the Seventy-fourth Congress, is the most comprehensive bill yet offered, covering insurance for old age, unemployment, disability, maternity, widows' and mothers' insurance, and for the first time, including farmers, professionals the first time, including husband and wife and small business men, the self-employed middle class. It renounces payroll and sales taxes, and proposes to raise funds from high income, corporate surpluses and accumulated wealth. Benefits: \$10 to \$20 a week for each unemployed worker, \$3 to \$5 for each dependent.

RED BAITER'S PAST

Milwaukee, Cal.
January 29, 1935

Comrade Editor:

Al Smith in referring to what he called "the foul breath of Communism in Russia" may have breathed a whiff from his own foul past. There is nothing more putrid than the record of Smith when he was the boodle sheriff of Kings County, New York. Perhaps the changed political winds wafted back into his face his own foul political breath.

The voice is the voice of Smith but the words are the words of Wall Street, Rasch, DuPont and Company. All the potential fascists of America are lined up with the Liberty League.

The workers must support their press in order to work among and convince the backward and to prepare them for the crisis that they must meet.

C. R. M.

Effective organization of unemployed will aid in maintaining union scales of pay. Demand that your union officials support such work.

LEAP YEAR DANCE TO BE HELD FOR FUNDS

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—The new Union Recreation Center established by maritime unions on the local waterfront has been given wholehearted endorsement by the District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific.

The Union Recreation Committee is giving a "Leap Year Dance" on February 29 at Drury's Auditorium, 44 Page Street, for the purpose of getting funds to carry through with plans to set up a real functioning recreational and athletic center.

This center will accept members by their union books which will also entitle members of their families to belong to the center. A moderate fee of \$1.50 quarterly will be collected.

To the men the Center Committee declares—"You may meet your future ball and chain at the dance, but don't let that keep you away. And remember you don't have to propose."

To the women the committee says—"This is the chance of a life-time as Leap Year comes but once in four years. Tie a band to your apron string while Leap year is still here."

Assisting financially to establish the Recreation Center the Boys Restaurant at 15 Market street, has loaned the Committee \$400 as a starter. The Boys Restaurant is famous for the assistance it has rendered the waterfront men during strikes.

As proof witness the fact that changes in the pro-rate act were asked by the Grange to correct representation on the commission, and to permit voting by growers to prevent profiting by processors and sellers at the expense of growers. Regarding the AAA the Grange asked, regarding wheat acreage adjustment, that the small grower, up to 150 acres, not be given a cut and that the percentage of cut above 150 acres increase with acreage.

The Bureau did not resolve on the pro-rate act, but it did favor a "better deal" for the small cotton grower under AAA and adjust cotton benefit payments on a basis

ESTABLISHING A NAZI PRECEDENT

Eureka School Teacher Ousted Because He Taught the Truth About Capitalism

By D. S.

"People of Eureka concerned with the future of the growing generation will not be alone in congratulating Superior Judge Harry W. Falk for his courageous decision in sustaining the ouster of Victor Jewett, former Eureka school teacher, because of asserted radical teachings and associations . . ."

This is the way the Humboldt Standard, Eureka newspaper, greeted editorially the decision worthy of any fascist court, which was handed down by Judge Falk recently.

In his decision, Judge Falk noted evidence that "Jewett had received foreign money by check from Soviet Russia (interest on bonds); Jewett had written a letter to the Western Worker in December, 1934, concerning the renewal of his subscription and stated that he hoped this would establish normal diplomatic relations (a pun on the time in regard to recognition of Russia); that he would refuse to go to war; that Jewett had visited the Communist Hall (actually the Finnish Workers' Club); that he had subscribed to the Portland I.L.A. defense fund; and that the school board was justified in ousting Jewett.

FASCIST NOTE
The editorials in the Eureka Press sounded the keynote of the decision—"that it constitutes a timely rebuke to all movements that tend to undermine the fundamental theories upon which this country is founded and undoubtedly will set a precedent in the attitude of the courts toward recognition of public policy with respect to the issues raised.

This decision which "sets a precedent in the courts," is the first of its kind in the records of law in the United States. With the precedent now set for dismissing a teacher on prejudiced testimony before a court of law, it paves the way for an attack on all teachers who have progressive ideas.

That Jewett is not a Communist was admitted by even the prosecution; but that he was interested in the Communist Party; in the success of the Soviet Union, and the general trade union movement were the real issues used against Jewett.

"MOSCOW GOLD"

"Moscow gold" was being sent to Jewett—interest from Soviet bonds bought from an American brokerage firm registered under American laws—this was the other charge placed against the teacher who dared to speak at the teachers' meeting.

Jewett also had the audacity to "criticize great men in history"—thousands of doughboys rotting in the battlefield graves in France are beyond the reach of Judge Falk—their ghosts still stalk the history of Woodrow Wilson, the great humanitarian who plunged America into a war that overflowed the stuffed coffers of Duponts and Morgan.

LUMBER STRIKE

The background of the ousting of Jewett dates back to the lumber strike of 1935—Jewett, it seems, so far deserted the ruling class—the lumber barons and wealthy mill owners—as to "associate" with workers on the picket line.

The charges, drawn up by the local American Legion chapter, some of whose members took a very active part in the cold-blooded killing of two strikers by thugs and deputies, decry the fact that Jewett "engaged actively in the lumber strike and made inflammatory speeches to meetings of the Union and appeared in the com-

mittee of the youth of the land is a most important governmental duty . . . they should be taught that the only "ism" in this country is Americanism (and by God we'll use tar and feather to learn you) and they should be attached to the principles of the Constitution . . ."

Jewett offered to interview any parent dissatisfied with his teaching—no one responded. Judge Falk—in far seeing wisdom—was dissatisfied with the teachings, from his lofty bench he saw the danger that confronted the "citizens" of Eureka; "the education

of the youth of the land is a most important governmental duty . . . they should be taught that the only "ism" in this country is Americanism (and by God we'll use tar and feather to learn you) and they should be attached to the principles of the Constitution . . ."

The Constitution—"the right to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness."

American teachers should have the privilege of presenting all points of view on controversial issues without danger of reprisal by school administrations or by pressure groups in the communities.

Judge Falk may well look to William Randolph Hearst for a hearty back slap—"Americanism must not be confused with Communism—there'll be no argument—this is a free country and we'll call in the vigilantes to prove it."

SMALL AND MIDDLE FARMER VERSUS THE CORPORATIONS

AN ANALYSIS OF TWO FARM GROUP CONVENTIONS

By O. P.

The annual conventions of the Grange and Farm Bureau have come and gone. Many dozens of resolutions were passed by both bodies. A dozen or so of the resolutions deserve our attention as representing the view of large sections of the 150,000 farmers of California.

Throughout the resolutions it is evident that the Grange more nearly reflected the sentiments of the small and middle farmers while the Farm Bureau evidently was not under the control of this group.

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of adjusted yield with no maximum limits.

POSITION ON WAR

While the Farm Bureau was quiet on the war question the Grange showed that it was interested in the world situation by expressing opposition to all wars of aggression, in favor of neutrality at this time and in support of an embargo on sales and shipment of munitions. This was unanimous.

The Grange opposed five to four Supreme Court decisions on national legislation.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Rural electrification and state-owned power lines were called for by the Grange. The Farm Bureau (probably thinking of public utility advertisements in its publications) kept quiet on this subject. The Grange strongly opposed privately-owned public utilities and the organizations they sponsor from interfering with the development of public utility districts and went so far as to ask the State Railroad Commission to obtain a financial statement from them of monies they spent for political purposes.

The Grange called for at least ten amendments to the AAA. They felt that the cash benefits should be paid directly to the farmers instead of their landlords as at present.

The Bureau called for control of underground water supply. This can become a vicious instrument in the hands of big land owners.

The Grange favors Temperance Flat site as a substitute for the Friant Dam site. A state owned

distributing system for the power generated by the water pouring over Boulder Dam was asked.

Last but not least in this sketch of the resolutions is one passed by the Grange condemning vigilantism.

While both groups favored continued T. B. eradication, the Grange favored a

limit on common property tax, federal tax on income and gifts, and state tax on income with no exemptions, to bring in not less than \$45,000,000.

The Bureau asked that county hospitals be opened to pay and part pay patients to relieve farmers' taxes. It did approve a luxury tax, "if more tax must be raised."

The Grange asked that the Bureau

opposed any reduction in pay-

ments, but the Bureau only called

for more prompt payment of im-

demnities. Only the Grange asked for full payment of cattle destroyed.

ERNST AND McGOVERN RULE EAST BAY CULINARY UNION BY DICTATORSHIP AND COPS

Police Called and Member Ejected for Bringing Charges Against Secretary Whose Books Show Irregularities

By an Unemployed Cook.

OAKLAND, Calif., January 24.—Police were called by reactionary officials in the Culinary Union, Local 31, here to support their dictatorship. When a sister brought charges against Secretary John Miller for irregularities of funds, Hugo Ernst sent McGovern to the local who suspended her and ordered her out of the hall. The membership was given no voice in the matter. She was told that she could appeal to the International and that it was out of the local's hands.

The sister refused to leave the hall and the membership called out to her to stand her ground. At this point, police, who had been ready outside the door, entered and forced the sister out together with another sister who raised her voice against this dictatorship.

Current Events Are Discussed In Class At Huntington Park

HUNTINGTON PARK, Calif., Feb. 1.—Great strides have been made in the progress of the Current Events Class which is held in the Huntington Park High School.

The class opens at 7 P. M. each Monday evening with a half hour discussion on current events, led by the class teacher. At 7:30 the speaker of the evening is introduced. The talk lasts one hour, leaving another half-hour for questions and answers.

PUBLIC FIGURE
Obviously on this charge, Jewett's "guilt" lies in the fact that a school teacher is more or less of a public figure, and his general associations cannot be divorced from other aspects bearing on his reputation in the community" (Humboldt Standard)—proving conclusively that the vast army of workers who toil and pay taxes is not the public, rather, as defined by the decision of Judge Falk, the vigilantes who used the public school for headquarters, the Legionaries who led the strike-breakers, the lumber barons and the mill owners are the community.

Most recent speaker was a delegate from the National Congress Against War and Fascism held at Cleveland, Ohio. Many famous and entertaining speakers have appeared during the past year. Several books including John Spivak's "America Faces the Barricades" have been reviewed.

Trade union workers are supposed to determine who shall be suspended in their own locals. In Local 31, this is not so. Members are supposed to run their own meetings, but in Local 31, dictators rule and call the police when they are challenged.

Trade union locals are supposed to have their own chairmen. But in Local 3

RIP TIDES

By Le Mac.

"Marching Men"

I wish we would have a war with Japan—(Paul Scharrenberg—1935)

Labor Day — 1935 ... marching feet... workingmen's feet... bands, union bands... floats, union floats... seamen, longshoremen, bartenders, teamsters, laundrymen, cooks and waiters, bakers... 50,000 trade-unions tromping up Market Street from Embarcadero to Civic Center.

Furtive heads clustered behind a third story window at the Matson Line Building... pale faces looking down on broad shoulders from Hearst's Examiner Building... disappearing as a sudden, spontaneous roar of hatred... hatred for Hearst... angry beats against closed windows... but closed windows are not soundproof... and Market Street's canyon echoes and re-echoes to the healthy scorn of union working men.

Civic Center. His Honor, silk hat and all, Mayor Rossi... flanked by "labor leaders" too much steeped in self imposed dignity to march with men... faces wreathed in "vote for me" smiles.

Paul Scharrenberg's glasses glint coldly in the sun... already he has been expelled from the Sailors Union of the Pacific... by an eleven-to-one rank and file vote... the flag goes by... his hat is off, his piny chest, his eyes are furtive... his pudgy hand trembles... he watches

Appointed convention delegates squirm... dream of bar rooms and fat expense accounts... vote to jerk a charter... applaud... a boy in brown uniform brings telegrams... protests... Scharrenberg squirms... sees marching seamen... more protests... more... more... more....

Labor Defense

By Bob O'Malley.

C. S. FREEDOM RALLY

Rapidly gathering momentum of public opinion for the early freedom of the Criminal Syndicalism prisoners is expected to be greatly augmented by the big mass meeting to be held at the Building Trades Auditorium, Feb. 5th. The meeting is under the auspices of the California Conference for the Repeal of the C. S. Act.

Coming on the eve of the quarterly meeting of the Parole Board at San Quentin, the rally is of particular importance to let that "august" body know that in the name of simple working class justice hundreds of thousands of Californians are demanding the earliest possible release of Carmine Decker, Pat Chambers and the other six victims.

The minimum sentence of the framed prisoners will be up February 27th. At that time they will have served one year. No time is allowed for the seven months served in the Sacramento County jail while waiting trial. The maximum sentence allowed by law is 14 years. The Parole Board has not yet set term.

Outstanding among the speakers are Assemblyman Paul A. Richter, one of the leaders of the Epic movement and a straight-from-the-shoulder speaker; Max Radin, noted professor of law at the University of Calif.; our own Anita Whitney, representing the Communist Party; and the incomparable Kaspar Bauer, who is president of the Butchers' Union at Santa Cruz and whose biting wit will make you roll in your seats. Under no circumstances can you afford to miss this meeting.

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Negro Work

By Pettis Perry.

(Los Angeles Section)

His Honor, the Mayor... looks over the heads of marching seamen... here comes another flag... his pigeon breast puffs, meets his swollen paunch... then comes a wide-flung banner, blue with letters in gold... "Sailors Union of the Pacific."

Sailors marching twenty-five at a time, rank after rank... Scharrenberg is on their right as they approach the reviewing stand... a whisper from the ranks... "There's... Scharrenberg"... eyes jerk right... then quickly left... a murmur from the watching crowds... Scharrenberg twitches nervously, wits, his chest deflated... all eyes are left or straight ahead... the marching men have their own way of recognizing their one-time "leader."

The day is cold... but sweat beads ooze from Scharrenberg's reddened brow...

The chairman raps his gavel sonorously, over-burdened with dignity he calls to order the thirty-third Convention of the International Seamen's Union.

With the shadow of the capitol dome in the background, Scharrenberg takes the floor... in Washington, D. C., four thousand miles from the Pacific Coast and the union he betrayed... brave again, chest out, he allows his hatred full sway... raves, squeals, calls for pogroms against the "red's" in the Sailors Union of the Pacific... he is inspired... once more he feels powerful... his friends surround him... they applaud... he talks on... and on... and on....

Appointed convention delegates squirm... dream of bar rooms and fat expense accounts... vote to jerk a charter... applaud... a boy in brown uniform brings telegrams... protest... Scharrenberg squirms... sees marching seamen... more protests... more... more... more....

Another situation we had... We organized a section of the I. L. D. One Comrade was assigned to Literature Agent of the Section which was composed of six branches. From 150 to 250 Labor Defenders and much other current literature was being sold, mainly in the Negro territory. At least ten drug stores were handling literature for us. This Comrade was proposed for the job. This assignment, he refused. He was then called before the subsection bureau, and had the job forced on him anyway. The result was that this Comrade dropped out of the Party, and out of the movement altogether.

SECTARIAN APPROACH

The theory behind both of these sectarian approaches was:

First, we must have discipline in the party.

Second, the party is the leader of the masses, and the party comes first. In both of these changes, not once was the fraction consulted. The Comrades in these units do not see the difference between leading the masses or leading a narrow party group, as Dimitroff puts it.

TRANSMISSION BELTS

Unless we discontinue this mechanical approach, we cannot hope to win over the great mass of the Negro people. Therefore, our immediate objective must be one of clarification in the units on the different approach to the masses, the immediate strengthening of all United Front Committees, particularly the local sponsoring committees of the National Negro Congress, as well as the present Scottsboro Action Committee.

Our present mass organizations must be immediately made into real mass organizations and real transmission belts for the party. In my opinion, this would actually speed the building of our party into a mass party in Goodyear sub-section.

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Last of the Centralia Victims

BECKER FIGHTS FOR FREEDOM

Sixteen Years Behind the Bars

By Dawn Lovelace.

WALLA WALLA, Wash.

— "Hello, Cap."

"Hello buddy—what division

were you with?"

"Thirty-second. What were you with?"

"Thirty-third. Are you going to parade Armistice Day?"

"No. I paraded all I'm going to."

"You ought to show your patriotism."

"I showed it once and I'll never show it again. I'm broke and barefoot and I can't even buy shoes to wear and I've only got a quarter to buy breakfast."

"I'll tell you what I'll do. I have a good job in the Hilliard shops and I have a big car out in front, and we are going to raise hell in Centralia. We're going to drive the Wobblies out. What we can't drive into the river or the mountains, we're going to kill and make this country safe and free for us boys. If you go with us and help us, you'll never have to worry again as long as you live."

CENTRALIA ECHOES

This conversation is quoted

from a signed and sworn af-

fidavit found among the boxes

of age-yellow records of the

feeling that the party is de-

stroying their organization,

they would have the greatest

respect and admiration for the

party.

CORRECT MISTAKES

What are some of the things

that this unit could have done

to help these Comrades in their

work?

First, check up on them and

find out how they are bring-

ing the party campaign before

the masses.

Second, who among these

masses could be recruited in

to the party.

Third, how many of these

workers read party literature.

Fourth, how the party could

be mobilized to strengthen the

Scottsboro Campaign.

By broadening the Committee,

or by raising other issues, parti-

cularly questions pertaining to

the struggle on the Negro front.

These few simple things would

strengthen the party, and at the

same time, build up a more

powerful united front move-

ment.

JURORS HELP

All of the living jurors—eleven

of them—who helped convict

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Meet the Employers' Attack With United Ranks!

A storm of protest has been aroused throughout the labor movement on the entire Pacific Coast against the attacks launched against the militant maritime unions by the shipowners, assisted by the splitting tactics of the U.S.C. officials and their hand-picked machine controlling the convention in Washington.

The Central Labor Councils of San Francisco and Oakland have voted to endorse the demand of the maritime unions for a public Congressional investigation of the shipowners planned lockout. Even the Scherrenberg-controlled I.S.U. convention was forced to take similar action.

The Central Labor Council of Seattle protested the action of the I.S.U. convention in revoking the charter of the Sailors' Union.

The San Francisco Labor Council last Friday night refused to unseat the delegates of the Sailors' Union, although this was demanded by Green and Olander. Other trade unions and Central Labor Councils are taking similar action to rally to the support of the maritime unions.

The members of the Sailors' Union have stood solid under these attacks, and are fighting to remain a part of the I.S.U. and the A.F. of L. They have refused to be provoked into any action leading toward an independent union, realizing that the shipowners and the Olander-Scherrenberg clique would like nothing better; on the contrary, they are determinedly fighting to retain their charter, and are getting the backing of organized labor in this fight.

The West Coast I.S.U. branches that are being ordered to withdraw from the Maritime Federation are doing so under protest, but are continuing to maintain fraternal relations and cooperate with the other unions affiliated with the Maritime Federation, with the understanding that as soon as the necessary changes are made in the Constitution of the Federation that will satisfy the technical requirements of the I.S.U. and the A.F. of L., they will again re-affiliate with the Maritime Federation, which is in full conformity with the principles of the I.S.U. and the American Federation of Labor.

The fight of the maritime workers against the attacks of the employers and the I.S.U. officials should receive the support of every trade union and Central Labor Council. Labor must present a solid unified front in defense of the maritime unions.

"The freest government cannot long endure when the tendency of the law is to create a rapid accumulation of property in the hands of a few, and to render the masses poor and dependent." — DANIEL WEBSTER.

SCOTTSBORO BOYS THREATENED WITH NEW CHARGE BY SHERIFF

"Escape Plot" Alibi Collapses—Ernest Merriwether Released at Decatur.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 1.—Ernest Merriwether, young Negro errand boy arrested in Decatur and charged with smuggling a knife to one of the Scottsboro boys, was released last Wednesday. This substantially deflates the melodramatic "escape plot" story with which Sheriff Sandlin tried to whitewash his cold-blooded shooting of Ozie Powell.

Statements of the other boys in the car when the shooting took place revealed that Ozie, after hours of grilling, abuse and threats by deputies, struck back in defiance. The incident was brief. Ozie was provoked to a point where his temper blazed, but quickly subsided when the other boys pulled him back.

It was after this incident was all over that Sheriff Sandlin stopped the car, calmly got out in the road, and blazed away at the helpless Negro boy.

The united front Scottsboro Defense Committee in New York City has demanded Federal investigation of the incident and that the boys be placed in Federal custody for protection.

Sandlin declares he will seek an indictment charging Powell, Wright and Norris, the three boys who were in the car, with attempt to murder.

Help distribute 500,000 edition of Dimitroff's pamphlet, "Working Class Unity—Bulwark Against Fascism". Price 5 cents.

The Fascist-Vigilantes Emerge Openly As Tools Of the Shipowners

The vigilante-fascist agents of the reactionary employers lost no time in launching their filthy provocative attack on the labor movement and its progressive leaders following Harry Bridges' exposure of the secret plan of the shipowners to simultaneously attack the maritime unions here and in the East. The vile sheet called the American Citizen, attempting to masquerade behind patriotism and civic pride, brings forth a monstrous spew of lies, misquotations and open incitement to violence.

It is significant that the American Citizen's attack is primarily launched against the waterfront workers, their popular leader Harry Bridges, and the Communist Party and its organ, the Western Worker. Its sordid "whisperings" of "official Communist secrets" would be laughable except for the fact that many honest workers are as yet unable to see through these disgusting lies, although few trade union members are to be found who will disagree with the popularity of progressives who are continually under fire as "Communists." This has come to be a tribute to any working class leader as significant of his honesty and ability.

The American Citizen made its appearance in a 100,000 edition, and was distributed widely by professional means. There can be no doubt as to exactly who is behind it—those like the waterfront employers and the Chambers of Commerce who hope to benefit from its effects. Furthermore, its appearance comes with the moves made by reactionary union officials to hit charters, tie up funds, suspend progressives or otherwise eliminate the leaders who have built the unions and aided in winning better conditions.

We are answering this 100,000 broadside of fascism-vigilantism with a tabloid edition of the Western Worker for the widest possible distribution this week-end.

Comrades! Sympathizers! Progressive trade unionists! Anti-fascists! Prepare to handle an appropriate number of these newspapers, which will cover the recent developments in the war between reaction and progress, vigilantism and preservation of trade union democracy as affecting the entire Pacific Coast. Get your mailing lists ready. Prepare to mobilize for house-to-house distribution. Appoint agents to attend all mass meetings. Get in touch with Workers' Bookshops and Communist Party headquarters in your locality and order your quota!

Send Delegates To the Mooney Conference!

The historic fight for the freedom of Tom Mooney, veteran political prisoner in the United States, has entered upon a new phase with the calling of a conference next Sunday, February 9th, at the Labor Temple, under the auspices of the San Francisco Central Labor Council.

Already the wide response proves the tremendous interest in all labor unions in achieving the freedom of the man who is the victim of the most flagrant frame-up in the history of the class struggle. The reason for this is obvious—the concerted attack of leading capitalists and their henchmen on the labor movement, an attack clearly evident in San Francisco and San Diego in recent weeks. Tom Mooney was framed in just such a drive.

Members of trade unions in the Bay area are urged to raise the matter at union meetings, so that every union will send their quota of five delegates to Sunday's conference.

Make this the beginning of a last tremendous effort for the complete and unconditional freedom of Tom Mooney!

TEACHERS BOUND BY FASCIST LAW

MUST SIGN BI-MONTHLY STATEMENT "DID NOT TEACH COMMUNISM"

Of doubtful constitutionality is Comptroller General McFarl's ruling that all teachers in Washington, D. C. must, before they receive salary checks, sign bi-monthly statements that they have not "taught Communism." The strict interpretation advocated prohibits mention of the Soviet Union in history and geography classes. Directly affected by this ruling are not only all U. S. teachers, but all civil service employees, as teachers in the District are under civil service.

Twenty-two states have gag rules governing teachers. G. A. Perry of the National Republic, a "patriotic" organization which spends about \$100,000 a year to encourage fascism, is the nucleus of a national network which boasts that it has had 2000 teachers dismissed for liberalism. Perry travels extensively to contact organizations of fascist or anti-Semitic sympathies and the managing editors of Hearst papers, with whom he plans red scares in local schools, and exposes teachers suspected of liberal views.

Introduction by Councilman Darwin Tate and Franklin Buyer of a resolution delegating all power to issue parade permits to the police commission, was the incident that got the reactionary city fathers all in a "falter" and led to the rebuking of Lane.

As much as the PWUU last week asked for a parade permit to protest against cuts in the already starvation-level relief budgets, Lane took it upon himself to label Calahan.

Stepping to the council microphone, Lane said: "Mr. Calahan recently was district organizer for the Communist Party in Phoenix."

Epip Councilman Parley Parker Christensen interrupted: "I have no brief for this man Calahan."

The Western Worker can be obtained at news stands. If your news dealer does not have it, ask him to stock it.

Party Life
DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL DEPARTMENT**Some Good Work By A Live-Wire Unit In Los Angeles**

Work among the masses of workers—this is the secret of proper recruiting, on the basis of the activity of our unit since September 1, 1935. Twenty-one new Party members have been recruited during this period, of which a majority have been good, working class elements, first tested in mass organizations.

The unit was born as a three-way division of two previous units and started with nine members. As a plan of work up to January 1st, the unit resolved as follows:

To recruit nine new members for our Party, including one trade unionist and two Negro workers; to make every member a regular dues-paying member; to issue at least one leaflet a month; to have regular educational in the unit; to do Red Sunday work at least once a month; to have a mimeograph; to stabilize the Western Worker bundle order at 12 copies each issue.

RESULTS

Results were:

Twelve new members recruited by January, including one trade unionist. No Negro workers were recruited, and eight of these workers were recruited by two members of the unit, both Section functionaries, which was a weakness.

Dues were irregular, due to failure to reorganize our squad systems periodically and to transfers of unit members. Only one leaflet was issued—on Armistice Day—and no mimeograph was acquired, although sufficient money was raised for this purpose. The unit has been wanting to get a mimeograph at a "bargain" price.

Educational were conducted regularly, and through this period most of the comrades developed to where they were able to contribute vitally to the discussions, mostly around the questions raised by the Seventh World Congress and the November Plenum of the Central Committee.

Only one Red Sunday was held in the unit territory. The Western Worker was stabilized at about 16 copies each issue, plus 11 Saturday Daily Workers. Several times, however, the literature agent failed to secure the Monday issue of the Western Worker for the unit. About 100 copies of Dimitroff's report were sold.

NEW QUOTAS

Starting 1936, the unit was assigned quotas by the Downtown Sub-section of four new recruits, \$17 cash for the Western Worker, and eight subscriptions to W. W. Three weeks later the unit had accomplished the following:

Six recruits of unusually good composition, five of which were recruited at an open unit meeting; nine subscriptions for the Western Worker; approximately \$18.50 in cash for the Western Worker drive.

The following plan of work was then adopted for the period up to March 1st:

Four new recruits, including one trade unionist, two unemployed, and one Mexican worker; increased quota to \$34 and 12 subscriptions for the Western Worker; stabilization of the Western Worker bundle order at a minimum of 20 copies of each issue; Red Sunday work on one block every Sunday; sale of 25 copies of Dimitroff's report and of the Gorman-Lewis pamphlet to trade unionists; to build a functioning fraction in the neighborhood Townsend Club, largest in the country; acquiring of a mimeograph by March 1st; issue of at least two leaflets per month; the getting of at least two comrades into trade unions.

However, because this unit has merged with two other units for a six-weeks' experiment in an enlarged organizational form, as suggested by Comrade Brown's article in the November "Party Organizer," this plan is being expanded and will be reported on later.

WEAKNESSES

The unit has improved, but has weaknesses which this plan of work was intended to correct. For one thing: the unit bureau met irregularly; this was due to the fact that the organizer and agit-prop are section functionaries and loaded with many other tasks. However, it seemed necessary at the time for these comrades to undertake leading positions in the unit. New forces recruited are of good caliber and should soon be

Join the Communist Party!**Who Are The Americans?**

By Earl Browder.

The question asked of Communists more frequently than any other, if we can judge from the Hearst newspapers, is this:

"If you don't like this country, why don't you go back where you came from?" The truth is, if you insist on knowing, Mr. Hearst we Communists like this country very much. We cannot think of any other spot on the globe where we would rather be than exactly this one. We love our country. Our affection is all the more deep in that we have watered it with the sweat of our labor—labor which made this country what it is; our mothers nourished it with the tears they shed over the troubles and tragedies of rearing babies in a land controlled by profit and profit-makers. If we did not love our country so much, perhaps we should surrender it to Wall Street.

Of course, when we speak of our love of America, we mean something quite different from what Mr. Hearst is speaking of in his daily editorial diatribes. We mean that we love the masses of the toiling people. We find in these masses a great reservoir of all things admirable and lovable, all things

that make life worth living. We are filled with anger when we see millions of these people whom we love being degraded, starved, oppressed, beaten and jailed when they protest. We have a deep and moving hatred of the system, and of those who fatten on the system which turns our potential paradise into a living hell.

NO "CHOSEN PEOPLE"

We are determined to save our country from the hell of capitalism. And most of us were born here, so Hearst's gag is not addressed to us anyway. But workers in America who happen to have been born abroad are just as much Americans as anybody else. We all originated across the water, except perhaps a tiny minority of pure-blooded American Indians. The foreign-born workers have worked harder for less wages on behalf of this country than anybody else. They deserve, at a minimum, a little courtesy from those who would speak of Americanism. There is less historical justification in America than perhaps in any other major country for narrow nationalism, that chauvinism, which makes a cult of a "chosen people."

This recruiting from mass organizations is good, but at the same time the unit has not been the political leader in the neighborhood. Only two unit members are in trade unions. Nothing has been accomplished in United Front work, or in building a Farmer-Labor Party. The comrades are nearly all engaged in mass work—chiefly in the PWUU—but this work was not sufficiently directed by the unit.

Membership in the unit at the time of the merger, included 21, many having been transferred to other units, sub-sections, and sections in the district. No members have dropped out of the Party from this unit.

OPEN MEETINGS

The unit has one "tip" to pass on to other units. In conducting open unit meetings, we had the agit-prop talk for about 45 minutes on the structure of our Party, how it conducts mass work, and how it seeks to prepare the working class for its historic mission of destroying capitalism and setting up a workers and farmers government.

Following this, the floor was open for questions and discussion. Visiting contacts were thus able to ask questions bearing on their individual problems in relation to joining the Party, and many of their previous misgivings and doubts as to the Party were thus allayed, and they were easily recruited.

The first open unit meeting we had was devoted only to discussion of a broad political problem and did not bear on local problems and conditions, with the result that this meeting was fruitless.

We love the past history of America and its masses, in spite of the Astors and Vanderbilts. We find in it a wealth of tradition striped in the purple tints of glory—the glory of men and women fighting fearlessly and self-sacrificingly against the throttling hand of a dead past, for those things upon which further progress depended.

Around the birth of our country as an independent nation cluster such heroic names as those of Patrick Henry, whose famous shout, "As for me, give me liberty or give me death!" re-echoes down

the corridors of time; of Thomas Paine, whose deathless contribution to our national life of a militant anti-clericalism has long survived the many pamphlets with which he fought, the form of which already belongs to a past age, of Thomas Jefferson, whose favorite thought revolved about watering the tree of liberty with the blood of tyrants (he thought this "natural manure" should be applied to the tree about every twenty years); of all the founding fathers, whose chief claim to glory lies in their "treason" to the "constitutional government" of their day, and among whom the most opprobrious epithet was "loyalist."

WROTE NEW CHAPTER

These men, in their own time, faced the issues of their day, cut through the red tape of precedent legalism, and constitutionalism with a sword, made a revolution, killed off a dying and outworn system, and opened up a new chapter in world history.

Their American giants of 1776 were the "international incendiaries" of their day. They inspired revolutions throughout the world. The great French Revolution, the reverberations of which filled Europe's ears during the entire nineteenth century, took its first steps under the impulse given by the American Revolution. The Declaration of Independence was for that time what the Communist Manifesto is for ours. Copy all the most mysterious Hearst editorials of today against Moscow, Lenin, Stalin; substitute the words America, Washington, Jefferson; and the result is an almost verbatim copy of the diatribes of English and European reactionaries. Our American founding fathers, the Declaration of Independence was then "an alien doctrine imported from America" as now it is "imported from Moscow."

These are some of Tchernavina's revelations: "The Soviet regime specializes in traps and strangleholds for its citizens . . ." (p. 221). "Deafness was hereditary in her family and the conditions of Soviet life had obviously made it much worse" (p. 172).

The Soviet regime evidently invented all "diseases, illnesses, lack of intelligence, death and life . . ."

"Beauty affects Communists no less than it does capitalists" (p. 102). "Writing is sheer waste of time" (p. 105)—in U.S.S.R. that is—obviously not in America, for ladies like this authoress.

Having done her unpatriotic and ungenerous best to harm her homeland in foreign eyes, the author comes to America—the America of the murder of Sacco and Vanzetti, of 20,000,000 semi-starving, of one child in six undernourished (official Washington figures), of kidnapped and murdered babies, radio crooners, of the King Lehrs and Hollywood morality, and for nice refined American dollars gleefully lies about the first scientific, moral, clean, just and decent society in the history of the world. Bravo, old Russian intelligentsia. Now do you understand why you had to be liquidated?

FEARLESS FIGHTERS

Furthermore, let's be careful not to get snooty about pedagogics; half the names in the American social register were originally born by men who were transported from Europe after conviction of crime or who in the new country became bold bandits and buccaneers. It was the more aggressive and violent types who rose to the top most quickly in our early days and laid the foundations of the great American fortunes. They were the Al Capones of their days, with no income tax department to bring them to grief.

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